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SUBJECT: STRIKE AT /DAILY TIMES/

- 1. STRIKE AT /DAILY TIMES/ HAS KEPT NIGERIAS LARGEST CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER OFF STREETS APRIL 27 AND 28. CONSEQUENTLY THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMENTARY FROM /TIMES/ ABOUT SECRETARYS VISIT TO AFRICA.
- 2. STRIKE DID NOT RECEIVE SUPPORT OF /DAILY TIMES/ AFRICAN STAFF UNION LEADERSHIP. ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF /DAILY TIMES/ GROUP ISSUED CIRCULAR DESCRIBING STRIKE AS "ILLEGAL" AND WARNING EMPLOYEES RETURN TO WORK APRIL 28 OR FACE DISMISSAL.
- 3. STRIKERS ARE DEMANDING FULL PAYMENT OF AWARDS RECOMMENDED BY CHISOLM PANEL, APPOINTED BY FMG SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE IN NIGERIA PRINTING TRADE, AND WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE LATE LAST YEAR BY AKINTOLA WILLIAMS PANEL.
- 4. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT FEDERAL MINISTRY OF LABOR HAS INTEREVENED, ARRANGING FOR A SENIOR LABOR OFFICER TO MEET STRIKES AND /DAILY TIMES/ MANAGEMENT TODAY TO IRON OUT ISSUE.

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COMMENT: STRIKE IS LATEST IN RASH OF USUALLY SHORT-LIVED

INDUSTRIAL ACTIONS, OFTEN WILDCAT AFFAIRS, THAT HAVE BROKEN
OUT IN LAGOS INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. INFLATION SEEMS BASIC CAUSE
OF UNREST AND MOST DISPUTES INVOLVE DEMANDS FOR INCREASED PAY.
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